



**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL  
FOR THE TOWN OF ABINGDON, VIRGINIA  
TO ENACT THE ABINGDON ARTS COMMISSION**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to §15.2-1411 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, a governing body of any locality may appoint such advisory boards, committees, and commissions as it deems necessary to advise the governing body regarding any matter of concern to the locality;

**WHEREAS**, this Ordinance aims to establish the Abingdon Arts Commission to support visual and performing arts in the Town. The Commission offers local artists more opportunities to share their art with the public while providing residents with various ways to experience, enjoy and learn about art.

**WHEREAS**, the Abingdon Arts Commission shall have the following powers and duties:

- A. Review the Town's proposed annual budget for expenditures related to art and make budgetary recommendations to Town Council;
- B. Recommend to Town Council policies for the expansion of art in Town;
- C. Identify art programs and events that will enhance the community and recommend how the Town can support such programs and events to the Town Council.

**WHEREAS**, the Abingdon Arts Commission shall consist of one *ex officio* Councilmember appointed by the Town Council to serve terms coincident with their terms as members of the Council. The Town Manager will name a Town employee designee as an *ex officio* member to serve as staff support for the Commission. Town Council will appoint five citizens to serve two-year terms, beginning July 1 of the year of appointment.

Initially, three members will serve from the appointment date until June 30, 2023, and two will serve from the appointment date until June 30, 2024. The Town Council will give preference to residents of the Town, consider how the individual will contribute to enhancing the art culture in the community, and consider any potential conflicts of interest to ensure objectivity.

**WHEREAS**, the Commission shall conduct an annual organizational meeting to elect a chair and vice-chair within a reasonable time after the appointment. The Town Manager, or designee, shall serve as secretary. The Commission shall adopt bylaws for the conduct of meetings after review by the Town Attorney. The secretary shall cause a record of all proceedings, resolutions, findings, and actions taken by the committee. The secretary shall file the records with the Town Clerk;

**WHEREAS**, the Commission shall meet as often as necessary to accomplish its duties, with such meetings called by the chair, or the vice chair in the chair's absence.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the Town of Abingdon that the Abingdon Arts Commission be created pursuant to this Ordinance; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that this Ordinance of adoption of an Abingdon Arts Commission shall take effect on December 6, 2021.

CERTIFICATE

Pursuant to Section 2-100 of the Code of the Town of Abingdon, I hereby certify that I have reviewed the foregoing proposed Ordinance to enact the Ordinance of the Town of Abingdon to reflect the foregoing establishment and find it to be in correct form this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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Cameron Bell  
Town Attorney for the Town of Abingdon, Virginia

*This Ordinance was adopted on December 6, 2021 to take effect on December 6, 2021.*

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*Derek Webb, Mayor*

The undersigned clerk of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia (the "Town"), hereby certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of an Ordinance duly adopted at a meeting of the Council held on December 6, 2021. I hereby further certify that such meeting was a regularly scheduled meeting and that, during the consideration of the foregoing Ordinance, a quorum was present. I further certify that the minutes of such meeting reflect the attendance of the members and the voting on the foregoing Ordinance was as follows:

MEMBERS	ATENDANCE	VOTE
Derek Webb, Mayor	Yes	Aye
Donna Quetsch, Vice Mayor	Yes	Aye
James Anderson	Absent	—
Amanda Pillion	Yes	Aye
Mike Owens	Yes	Aye

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Town of Abingdon as of December 6, 2021.

(SEAL) *Kimberly S. Kinsley*  
Town Clerk